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The House met at 10 a.m.

Rev. Grzegorz "Greg" Brozonowicz, St. Mary's, Mother of the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, Groton, Connecticut, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, the men and women assembled here to serve the American people ask You for a blessing.

We pray that, through Your grace, they gain the vision to see clearly, the courage to act rightly, the humility to consider all sides of issues, the love to accept disagreement, and the faith to persevere through discouragement and adversity.

May they have the wisdom to see America's destiny as linked to Your will.

We thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to serve and to grow in that service.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REV. GRZEGORZ "GREG" BROZONOWICZ

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to introduce this morning Father Grzegorz Brozonowicz, otherwise known as "Father Greg," at St. Mary's, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, in Groton, Connecticut, who delivered a beautiful prayer this morning, and he has a wonderful story in his life.

He was born in Poland, was educated in Poland, came to the U.S. in 1990, went through the seminary in our country, was ordained as a parish priest by the Archdiocese of Norwich in 1996, and is now a leader at his church in Groton, Connecticut.

He does appear to have a humble demeanor, but I would just say, Madam Speaker, that he is a very dynamic priest. He has a growing parish. He has many programs reaching out to young people, having them involved in the community, helping the disadvantaged. He is setting up a twinning parish program in Haiti to try and reach out, again, to deal with the huge challenges that that impoverished country faces.

He became an American citizen a few days before Christmas, this past Christmas of 2008, and like many Roman Catholic churches throughout our country, there clearly is a pipeline from Poland now that is populating our parishes and keeping a vibrant church alive and well in the U.S.

I want to thank him for his great service and for his great words this morning.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

### NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Autism Awareness Month.

Each April, Americans have a special opportunity to learn more about autism. In south Florida, we have a vibrant community of activists and families fighting every day to raise awareness and funds for scientific research on the causes of and cures for autism. Two of the strongest voices in our community belong to Suzanne and Bob Wright, the founders of Autism Speaks.

In just 4 years, this extraordinary organization has committed an unprecedented \$128 million in new research funding to uncover causes, treatments and cures for autism. In addition to supporting scientific research, Autism Speaks builds community among families with autism, and it raises awareness in south Florida, around the country and around the world.

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, I commend Susan and Bob Wright and Autism Speaks, as well as all of the families in our community facing autism.

### HONORING THE WOMEN AIR FORCE SERVICE PILOTS OF WWII

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2014, a bill that Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS and I have introduced, which honors the Women Air Force Service Pilots of World War II.

WASP, or Women Air Force Service Pilots, were the first women in history to fly America's military aircraft. Between the years 1942-1944, these courageous women volunteered to fly non-combat missions so that every available male pilot could be deployed in combat.

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